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CHAPTER 174

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR A SPECIAL ELECTION FOR THE
ERECTION OF A MUNICIPAL AUDITORIUM IN THE CITY
OF CHARLOTTE AND TO LEVY A TAX THEREFOR.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Special election
on question of
bond issue for
municipal
auditorium,
City of Charlotte,
authorized.

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SECTION 1. That the Governing Body of the City of Charlotte may, by a majority vote, after thirty days notice at the courthouse door of the Mecklenburg County Courthouse and publication in one or more newspapers published in the City of Charlotte, order a special election to be held at such time as the governing body may fix, to determine the will of the people of the city as to whether the said governing board of said city shall issue the city's bonds and to provide for the payment of principal and interest thereon for the purpose of purchasing a site and erecting or constructing a municipal auditorium for said city. In the event the governing board shall order a special election for such purpose, the board shall order a new and special registration of the qualified voters of said city for such election, and notice of such new registration shall be deemed sufficiently given by publication once in a newspaper published in said city at least thirty days before the close of the registration books. The published notice of registration shall state the days on which the books will be open for registration of voters and at the places at which they will be open on Saturdays, and the names of the polling places. It shall be sufficient notice of the election if such notice is published thirty days before the election. The books of such new registration shall open on the fourth Saturday before the election day and close on the second Saturday before the election day. The Saturday immediately before the election day shall be "Challenge Day." The governing board may order such special election to issue bonds for such purpose in any amount determined upon by such board, not in excess of one million dollars and such amount determined upon must be contained in the notice of such election.

SEC. 2. The said special election, if called, shall be held under the control and supervision of the Mecklenburg County Board of Election, and at said special election said election board shall cause to be placed at each voting precinct in the City of Charlotte a ballot box marked "Construction of Municipal Auditorium." That, at said election, all voters of the city who are duly qualified electors and who have duly registered for such election may vote in said special election. Each of said voters when he or she comes to the polling place to vote shall be supplied by the election officials with a ballot. The form of the question shall be in substantially the words "For Issuance of Bonds to Build a Municipal Auditorium" and "Against Issuance of Bonds to Build a Municipal Auditorium," which alternates shall appear, separated from each other on one ballot containing, opposite, and to the left of each alternate, squares of appropriate size, in one of which squares the voter may make a mark "X" to designate the voter's choice